Washington State Library
Statewide Database Licensing Project

SDL Video Highlights

What is SDL?

- The Statewide Database Licensing Project (SDL) is administered by the Washington State Library in conjunction with non-profit school, public, community, technical and private college, medical, and tribal libraries.
- Residents of Washington can access thousands of newspaper and magazine articles and other resources online.
- In many cases the complete texts of these articles can be printed, downloaded, or emailed to another computer.
- Currently, SDL provides access to the online ProQuest database and to e-Library Elementary for elementary and middle school students.
- SDL is funded by the mixture of federal dollars that are matched by local dollars.

Advantages of SDL

- Group purchasing makes the databases affordable. Some schools and libraries could not afford these databases independently.
- Washington taxpayers save thousands of dollars through aggregated group purchasing.
- SDL bridges the divide between the *haves* and *have-nots*. Students living in rural areas of Washington have access to the same information-rich databases as those living in urban areas.
- Because the databases are available remotely -- from home or office -- students may complete homework assignments after hours; business employees can do research from their desktops; long distance learners can use the databases without going to campus; and working parents can use the databases during non-traditional hours.
- The databases provide access to safe, trusted resources. Searching an online database is not the same as surfing the Internet.

For more information, contact your local public, academic, school, or special library.